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NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

Annapolis Valley Regional Library (AVRL)

Mobile Branches

AVRL's western mobile branch service is now using the same digital technology (CDPD) which has been in use for quite awhile by the AVRL's eastern mobile branch service. Soon, the digital service will cover most of western Nova Scotia.

LibraryNet

The 15 week LibraryNet programming offered in AVRL's branch libraries will come to a conclusion in mid-December. The after school component proved to be the most popular.

Smart Communities

AVRL's web site will go through a major transition in early 2002. The Smart Libraries project will provide new online services. Users of the site will be able to register online to obtain a library card, place holds on

material in AVRL's catalogue, search various databases, and ask a librarian for information. They will also be able to recommend sites for inclusion in AVRL's web resources, with a site of the month highlighted, as well as share comments on books they have read. Special features will include a Kids' Corner, a Teen Zone, and a Seniors' Café, where the topics will be designed specifically for that age group.

It's a bird! It's a plane! It's Captain C@psite! AVRL's superhero Nick Kasteljanov, manager of the Wolfville Memorial Library CAP Lab, displays his other talents on Halloween day.

Branch Services Report

The Town of Kentville and The Friends of the Library held an open house at the Kentville Library on October 31, honouring the retirement of Kentville librarian, Winnie Stephens-Wills. In addition a luncheon was held on October 29 by the Library Board and library staff in recognition of Winnie's years of dedicated service.

Cape Breton Regional Library (CBRL)

Celtic Colours

The Fourth Annual Celtic Conversation Series was held at the McConnell Library in October. This popular lunchtime series is part of the Celtic Colours International Festival and brings together Celtic artists from all over the world. Through stories and music, the Welsh and Scottish performers gave the audience a unique view of their song writing craft.

Scottish singer and songwriter Brian McNeill takes a pause.

The first three days of the Series included the traditional Welsh harp music of Robin Huw Bowen, and music from Scottish singer/songwriters Brian McNeill and Archie Fisher. The audience was afforded rare performances in which the musicians both played their music and talked about how history and cultural influences have shaped their craft. Rounding off the week, local historian Dr. Robert Morgan gave a fascinating picture of the Gaelic settler. His talk described the settlement patterns of the mainly Scottish immigrants to Cape Breton during the late 1700s and early to mid 1800s. Overall, the warm atmosphere and appreciative audience made these sessions a true treat for lovers of the Celtic culture.

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Bookmobile

As of November, the Cape Breton County bookmobile will have access to online services through MTT Mobility wireless technology. This will create huge changes for Dale Weatherbee, who has been manning the bookmobile since 1984. Dale's comments on these changes were "I'm really excited about this. It will make the circulation process so much smoother by allowing me to tell patrons right away whether we have an item or not, or where an item is in the system. A real bonus is to be able to put a hold on material immediately. When you can only visit some rural communities once a month, this technology will really improve the service we can give to our patrons".

Book Launches

The McConnell Library was the venue for two book launches of local authors in the past month. Daniel Doucet's first novel, entitled *Codfish and Angels*, was warmly received by a large gathering during the launch. The book is set on a fictional island province halfway between the southeast coast of Newfoundland and the east coast of Cape Breton Island.

The second book launched was Beatrice MacNeil's children's book, *The Cat That Ate the Moon.* Beatrice MacNeil is the award winning author of the children's book, *A Mouse in the House of Miss Crouse*. She won the Dartmouth Book Award for her collection of short stories, *The Moonlight Skater*. The book, illustrated by D. C. Troicuk, was published by Sea-Cape Publishing in Sydney. MacNeil read to a large group of children who attended the launch. Before the reading, the children were entertained by magician, Patrick Drake.

Florence Library

In September, the Florence Library was broken into and vandalized. The vandals set a fire inside the library which resulted in a great deal of smoke damage. Library management initially thought that all the books and materials in the library would have to be thrown out. Fortunately, it appears that many books will be salvageable, thanks to the work of a local industrial cleaning company. Since the fire, the library has been closed and the location of the new home for the library has not yet been chosen.

Staff Appreciation

The Fortress Louisbourg was the site of the Cape Breton Regional Library's staff appreciation dinner in October, courtesy of the Library Board. Staff came from all over the region, including Ingonish and Baddeck, to attend a Sunday evening tour of the Fortress, followed by dinner and 18th century entertainment. The Fortress Louisbourg is an impressive site to visit any time, but to visit it as darkness is falling is a truly amazing experience. No artificial lights lit the site, and the feeling of stepping back in time was overwhelming. The darkness was complete and intimidating, giving visitors an inkling of what conditions were like for French soldiers and settlers. With French animators serving dinner and playing music, the group was thoroughly entertained and got into the spirit of the evening.

Ian MacIntosh, Chief Librarian, is shown here (centre) with the musicians.

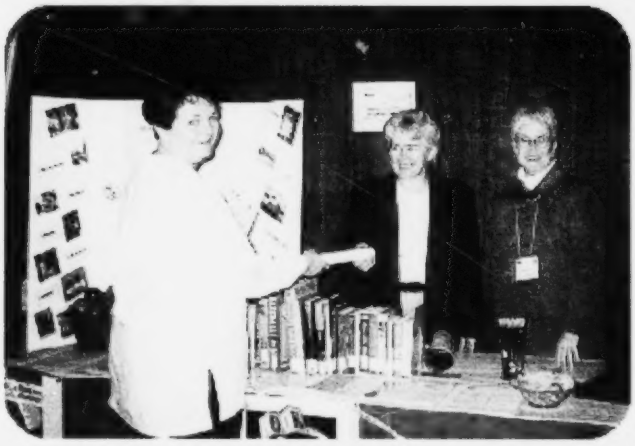
Run For the Cure

For the second consecutive year the Cape Breton Regional Library entered a team in the annual Run For the Cure for breast cancer. The team was led by Bev McGee of the McConnell Library. Staff started raising money early in the summer for a donation in memory of former library staff member, Lee Robinson. This year is the 10 year anniversary of her death from breast cancer. Each week, starting in June, tickets were sold on a prize donated by a staff member and at the end of the week the draw was made. Two artistic staff members, Faye McDougall and Lisa O'Neil, donated framed paintings. Tickets for these were sold in branches across the region. Through these measures, more than $2,000 was raised and a large group of staff took part in the Run.

Part of the library team gathered overlooking Sydney Harbour before the race started. In the background is the statue of J.F. DesBarres, the founder of Sydney and the Governor of the once-separate colony of Cape Breton.

Eastern Counties Regional Library

Clean clams crammed in clean cans. **Tongue twisters, apples, and books were in full display as ECRL joined 30 other local businesses and services recently in the fourth annual Business Expo held in Canso. Attracting almost 300 visitors, the Expo afforded the library the opportunity to promote its range of services to the public, from accessing the collection in the Branches and Libr@ry Links, to participating in web page training and family reading programs. Books and materials were selected and arranged to indicate the wide variety available, with a focus on materials of interest to the business community.**



ECRL staff, Donna D'Amour (centre) and Lesley Carruthers (right) with Marie David of the Guysborough Adult Learning Association (left) at their booth at the Canso Trade Show!

Story hours have traditionally been scheduled just for children. However, ECRL has decided to go a few steps, and a few generations, further! This past month, a Seniors' Reading Program has been initiated in the three counties. Reading from a collection of short stories, poems, and materials of local interest, Donna d'Amour has both captivated her audiences and shared with them what the library has to offer.

Seniors at the Margaree Manor enjoy the short stories being read to them by Donna D'Amour.

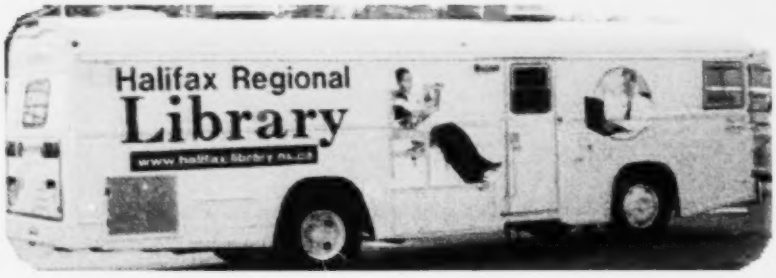
With the cooperation of the local newspaper media, ECRL published a three-part series that coincided with the implementation of Public Library Week. General information about the library and its services led the way, followed by information about the Books by Mail and Talking Books programs. Thanks to a recent donation by the Port Hawkesbury Lion's Club and the Ceilidh Trail CB Club, four track players have been purchased for the Talking Books program.

Linda Travis, CEO, is shown accepting the donation of a four track player from Port Hawkesbury Lion's Club representative, Donnie MacPherson.

Halifax Regional Library (HRL)

New Bookmobile Launch

A ceremony was held on November 24 in Middle Musquodoboit to launch HRL's newest mobile, which expands library services to the rural communities of Eastern Shore and Middle Musquodoboit. The ceremony was attended by MLA Brooke Taylor, Councillors Steve Streatch, and Halifax Regional Library Board member Alex Handyside. The new Mobile Library is a Concept 2000 Bookmobile designed by OBS Specialty Vehicles. It replaces the old 1986 mobile unit, which was the province's first flat nose, non-school bus design.

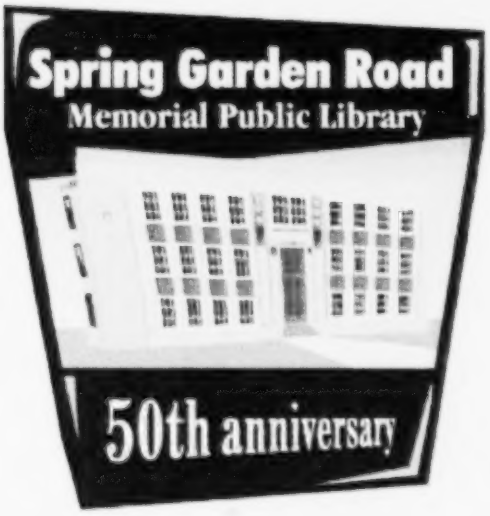


The new Eastern Shore-Middle Musquodoboit Mobile.

Spring Garden Road Library Celebrates 50 Years of Service

A milestone in Halifax libraries was marked in November, with the 50th anniversary of the Spring Garden Road Memorial Public Library. The Spring Garden Road Memorial Public Library was erected as a memorial to those who perished in the two World Wars and opened with great fanfare in November, 1951. Located in the heart of downtown Halifax, the library continues to play a prominent role in the community and has evolved to become an indispensable recreation and information resource for Haligonians. Upon opening, over 1,300 patrons visited the library, signing out more than 2,000 books, and in excess of 500 children took advantage of the children's collection. "We worked like slaves that day" recounted librarian Miss Molly Cameron 40 years later. At the end of the first year, over 200,000 items had been borrowed!

Celebrations marking this milestone were held during the week of November 20th, culminating in an Open House at the Spring Garden Road branch on November 24. Historic photographs and memorabilia were on display, and programming and activities included a time capsule for kids, a literary walking tour, and a futuristic look at downtown Halifax in the year 2051!



Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library (PARL)

PARL recently announced that Diana Wallis was appointed as the Pictou County CAP Coordinator. Diana brings much experience to the post and is known in the county for her work with the Pictou Regional Development Corporation and the Working Wonders Campaign. Diana will be working with the community volunteer committees in the development and promotion of CAP sites in Pictou county, and will be responsible for organizing the resumption of PARL's popular technology-training program at CAP sites. The former Pictou County CAP Coordinator, Bernice Cameron, has assumed the responsibilities of Regional CAP Coordinator for Pictou, Colchester-East Hants, and Cumberland counties.

PARL started a new contest the week of November 26. Becky Bowman, PARL's Children and Youth Technology Co-ordinator, organized Search and Win, a unique online contest which has participants answering research questions in a topic or field they find interesting. The goals of the program are to introduce the online services provided by the library to students and to assist them in developing efficient, life-long research skills. By completing all the outlined research steps, participants will hopefully arrive at the correct answer, making them eligible for one of the prizes courtesy of the Adopt A Library Literacy Program. Three names will be drawn for the prizes in time for Christmas, with a portable CD player as the first prize! The competition is open to students from grades 9 to 12 within the Pictou-Antigonish region. Participants can register online and contest details are available at PARL's home page at **http://www.parl.ns.ca/pages/searchanmdwin.html**.

On November 1, PARL launched the *Athletes for Literacy* program. This program is designed to attract younger teens to PARL's libraries, in particular teens who enjoy sports, and introduce them to library services. The program will run during the winter months until April. Every month there will be three draws for sport memorabilia, including autographed team pucks, hockey cards, and pictures donated by Pictou county NHL players Jon Sim, Colin White, and others. The contest will run in both Pictou and Antigonish Counties.

Linda Bailey of British Columbia read in the New Glasgow Library Program Room to the grade 5 class from the Temperance Street School.

As part of Canadian Children's Book Week authors' tour, Linda Bailey of British Columbia visited schools and libraries in Nova Scotia. In the PARL area, Linda read to three groups, one of which was held in the PARL's New Glasgow Library Program Room. Linda held the attention of the grade 5 class from the Temperance Street School for well over an hour, as she explained the process of getting a book published. From the conception of an idea, to choosing the artwork for the many covers, the children listened as Linda explained the lengthy process in terms they could understand. At the conclusion of her talk she was rewarded with lots of probing questions and requests for her autograph. Linda is the author of the popular *Stevie Diamond* detective series and the *Good Times Travel Agency* series.

South Shore Regional Library (SSRL)

Public Library Week

Local authors, politicians, media personalities, and other well known townsfolk helped the South Shore Regional Library celebrate Public Library Week. Each local celebrity volunteered one hour to check out books to patrons at a Town or Mobile Branch.

Queens MLA Kerry Morash lent a hand at the Liverpool Branch Library recently to promote Public Library Week. Mr. Morash checked out books for borrower Marie Ayotte.

Author Sylvia Gunnery and Supervisor of Vehicles/Driver Corwin Hirtle discuss the variety available in a Mobile Branch collection. Ms.Gunnery volunteered on Mobile Branch #2.

South Shore Regional Library Board member Wilma Stewart participated in the Library's 'celebrity staff' event during Public Library Week, October 15 - 21, 2001. Ms. Stewart is shown checking a book out to borrower Linnea Swinimer, who uses the Mahone Bay stop.

Volunteer donates 1,000 hours

South Shore Regional Library volunteer, Jean Wagner, recently completed 1,000 hours of service at Library Headquarters. Mrs. Wagner spends the majority of her volunteer time processing books as well as assisting in the Special Services Department.

Western Counties Regional Library (WCRL)

Board Member Profile

Russell Kerr Murray Judge was born in Yarmouth on September 15, 1960. Shortly after his birth, the hospital in which he was born was demolished. To this day it is unclear whether or not there is any connection between the two events ...

Educated from grades primary through twelve in the Yarmouth school system, Russell participated, with "varying degrees of success", in many extracurricular activities, including basketball, curling, band, and a brief stint on the "Reach for the Top" team.

After high school Murray resided at the University of Kings College and attended classes at Dalhousie University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in social and economic history. While at Kings College he was on the soccer team and was president of the debating society. In 1981 he was accepted at Dalhousie law school and graduated from that institution with a Bachelor of Law degree in 1984. After completing his articling with the Nova Scotia Legal Aid Commission and a brief term of employment with that agency's office in Truro, Murray returned to the Yarmouth area, where he practices *law today*.

Before being elected to Yarmouth Town Council, Murray was involved in the Boys' and Girls' Club of Yarmouth, the SPCA and the Yarmouth YMCA.

Murray has served on the library board since 1994 and is currently Chair of the personnel committee. He is a member of the Yarmouth Orchestra. He enjoys gardening, making wine and stout, and trying to teach himself the art of carpentry. In addition, he runs to keep fit. Most of all, he enjoys the time he is able to spend with his dear little son, Walter. Walter will be two years old on January 25, 2002.

Partnership Building

Annapolis Valley Regional Library is partnering with Western Counties Regional Library as part of the Western Valley Development Authority Smart Communities demonstration project. The main focus for both partners is to construct a virtual library where residents can access library service 24 hours a day. Online services will be developed and then delivered at the 100 kiosks which will be installed in Annapolis and Digby Counties. These new services will be also be available to the remainder of the two regions through public access computers in libraries, schools, homes, and at CAP sites.

Librarian Joanne Head (left) begins adding to the library's collection a set of ten resource books donated to Western Counties Regional Library by *Partners for Progress*. Barb Anderson (centre) and Marilyn Pothier (right) are seen here presenting the collection to the library.

By donating the books, *Partners for Progress* has provided a valuable set of tools to assist with the development of skills and at the same time encourage creative ways to overcome barriers to working with communities. A few of the titles are: *Flip Chart Power: Secrets of Masters*, *Measuring Program Outcomes* and *Volunteer Management*. A brief synopsis of all ten books can be found on the Partners for Progress web site: **http://ycn.library.ns.ca/partner.**

Hackmatack Book Awards 2001
WCRL Children's Coordinator, Joanne Head, is the Chair of the 2001 Atlantic Canadian Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Awards slated to take place in Halifax in May. The award provides children with an opportunity to choose their favourite Canadian and Atlantic Canadian books. School children across the province read from ten fiction and ten nonfiction titles presented as the short list because of their literary, cultural, and enjoyment factors. The books nominated for this year's awards can be found at http://www.wcr.library.ns.ca select "For Kids" and go to the Hackmatack web page. All books are available at Western Counties Regional Library.

Library Card Month Results
The third annual Library Card Month resulted in 741 new and renewed members during the month of September. Library Card Month is an awareness campaign sponsored by Cameron Publications and supported by CJLS and Tusket Sales & Service. Since it began in 1998 a total of 2,357 individuals in Digby, Shelburne, and Yarmouth counties have been introduced to, or became reacquainted with, their local library.

Staffing Notes
Mike Durkee has been hired for two years as a Library Mentor. The position, funded by the Southwest Shore Development Authority and Western Counties Regional Library, involves public and staff training in the Gates Computer Lab and training at other CAP sites across the region.

David Coulstring will be working part time for the next 48 weeks to develop web content for the WCRL home page. His position is funded by the Community Access Program.

Friends in Action
Friends of the Library groups have been in place at six branch libraries dating back to 1996. The groups are proud of their local libraries and are dedicated to lending a helping hand for the benefit of their branches. Here are some of their activities:

- Clark's Harbour Friends have just completed another very successful 'Dutch Auction' where more than $700 was raised.
- The Shelburne Friends will be hosting their annual bake sale on Sat. Dec. 10 at the McKay Memorial Library.
- The Yarmouth Friends hosted a giant booksale from Nov. 30 - Dec. 2 in the adult program room of the branch. They are also finalizing plans for the installation of a bookshelf for continuous booksales.
- The Pubnico Friends will be hosting the annual Christmas Cookie Decorating program in memory of Virginia d'Eon on Sat. Dec. 23. Also, plans are in the works for a comedy play to be staged in late winter or early spring.
- Westport, Lockeport and Weymouth Friends, along with the above mentioned groups, conduct fundraisers to purchase books during Adopt-A-Book campaigns.

NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL LIBRARY NEWS

Digitization Workshop
Bernadette Kennedy and Gillian Webster from the Nova Scotia Provincial Library are offering a one-day workshop on digitization to public libraries, January 24, 2002, 10am-3pm, at the N.S. Provincial Library.

An agenda for the day-long introduction to digitization includes: 1) a showcase of digitization projects by regional public libraries, followed by a roundtable session in which attendees will have the opportunity to discuss the various elements of a digitization project, e.g. cost/staff/time commitments, standards, policy and planning, equipment and software needs, funding, etc., and 2) an afternoon session with guest speakers Sheila Stevenson, Interpretation Unit Manager, History Section, Nova Scotia Museum and Kelly Campbell, Internet Development Coordinator, N.S. Dept of Education. Sheila was Project Coordinator for a digitization project called *Remembering Black Loyalists, Black Communities in Nova Scotia*. Kelly will give an overview of various web-based technologies that can be used to provide access to information in digital form over the web. The workshop will conclude with a brief look at international standards and guidelines.

HOT TIPS & UPDATES

READ TO ME! LITERACY PROGRAM

Read to Me! is a celebration of books, words and reading that will reach every child born in Nova Scotia. It will ensure that every child has the best possible start by presenting them with their very first book at birth. *The Read to Me!* program will provide parents with important resources to enrich their child 's life with books and reading. It will help break the cycle of low literacy rates in the province and lay the foundation for future generations of literate and economically successful Nova Scotians.

Compelling research has shown that development in a child's early years is critical in influencing educational, career, and social success. Reading with a child has intellectual, emotional, and physical benefits that can enhance the child's development. The joy of sharing books and stories strengthens emotional bonds between a parent and a child and improves the child's reading and language development. As a result, many early literacy programs have been developed (in Canada and around the world) to support a parent's role as their child's first and most important teacher.

A partnership of the IWK Health Centre, the Halifax Youth Foundation, the National Literacy Secretariat, and the Department of Education established the *Read to Me!* initiative which will distribute tote bags containing an infant book, library card and listing of libraries and programs, and information on reading development to the approximately 10,000 babies born in Nova Scotia each year.

The program is expected to be launched on January 28, 2002 to coincide with National Literacy Day (January 27). Initially the *Read to Me!* program will be instituted at the IWK Health Centre (4,457 births per year), the Cape Breton Regional Hospital (1,200 births per year), and the Yarmouth Regional Hospital (450 births per year). This means that the initial phase of the program will include approximately 6,000 babies or 60 percentage of all Nova Scotia newborns. Over the subsequent year, the program will be expanded to 10,000 babies or 100 percent of all newborns in the province.

The ongoing program will be supported through an endowment fund which is being established by the partners and operating costs for the first two years have been provided by the Halifax Youth Foundation, the IWK Auxiliary, HRDC, and several private donors.

IPAC LUNCHEON - DEVELOPMENT IN NOVA SCOTIA: THE ROLE OF NOVA SCOTIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

On November 14, 2001, as part of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC) Luncheon Series, Ray Ivany, President of Nova Scotia Community College(NSCC), spoke about the mission and

role of the Nova Scotia Community College and it's impact on the economic development of Nova Scotia. He began by stating his concerns over the apparent difficulty of educational institutions within the province to produce a workforce that meets the technical and knowledge-based skills required for current jobs in oil and gas and other developing industries within Nova Scotia. He described what he feels is a window of opportunity that exists at present, which educational institutions and policy makers need to exploit quickly by making changes. He issued a challenge to attendees to act quickly and further the education of the existing workforce within their departments through the development of appropriate policies and planning strategies.

To better position itself within this new knowledge-based economy, the NSCC has substantially revised its curriculum, e.g. 45 percent of programs offered today did not exist five years ago. Innovative programs and courses currently underway at the NSCC include an Adult Learning Program, a Geomatics Engineering Technology course, a Marine Geomatics course, etc., along with involvement in a college prep program which allows high schools students to take certain Community College courses while still in school. Other initiatives include partnering with Pan Canadian and other oil and gas companies to offer courses aimed to develop a very specific skill set required by this industry. Further information on current programming at the NSCC can be found at **http://www.nscc.ns.ca**.

RURAL DIVERSITY

Celebrating Rural Diversity - Building on Common Ground was the theme of this year's regional rural conference at the Kespuwick Training Centre in Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, October 18 - 21. It was one of four conferences being held across Canada. The 'get-together' was made possible through the efforts of the Nova Scotia Rural Team, with both federal and provincial government representatives as part of the Canadian Rural Partnership Initiative. Close to 150 representatives from community and government organizations, departments, boards, and associations 'got together' in order to participate in a rural dialogue.

The objective of these regional conferences is to permit a two-way discussion which will help government in setting priorities and directions for future actions and ensure that citizens are actively involved in shaping a vision for rural and remote communities.

In a series of small group sessions, participants heard from various ongoing projects such as Smart Communities, Chezzetcook Inlet Revitalization, Women On-Line, Rural Youth Education, and from some new projects such as Rural Communities Impacting Policy. Presentations were launching pads for discussions about the key factors which stimulate or impede rural initiatives and to propose future development directions.

Nova Scotia youth were an important, dynamic, and refreshing element throughout this conference. They provided older participants with a viewpoint which is not often heard in 'adult ' conferences. They added their very serious concerns to the dialogue as well as a touch of fun to the proceedings.

The official conference report has not yet been distributed, but some of the messages which were heard from the community sector dealt with the lack of recognition for and the frequent burnout of volunteers, the lack of long-term funding and development, as opposed to 'pilot project' funding, and the difficulties in dealing with different government departments for funding sources. The need for community groups to establish a network in order to know more about other local initiatives, to learn from others' experiences,

and to expand partnerships was often mentioned. Improved and expanded information networks were seen as crucial. There was no need to comment here on the vital role which libraries can play in this area.

The Honourable Andy Mitchell, Secretary of State, Rural Development, and the Honourable Gordon Balser, Minister of Economic Development, Province of Nova Scotia, as well as other government representatives, emphasized the government's commitment to maintaining open communication channels with rural citizens and their initiatives, to increase communication flow between rural partners and themselves, as well as among different government agencies and organizations.

Unfortunately, public libraries were not a major, nor even a minor element of the original agenda. However, display units from the Nova Scotia Provincial Library and the Eastern Counties Regional Library were set up, along with two public library representatives, Wendy Robichaud, from Colchester-East Hants Regional Library (who was also representing the Coastal Communities Network) and Linda Travis, from Eastern Counties Regional Library. Linda and Wendy encouraged participants to think more about libraries, their resources, and their potential as partners and information providers. Hopefully, public libraries will be on future agendas as leaders and active participants.

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY CONFERENCE

The new partnership between Nova Scotia regional libraries and the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia was launched at the Society's annual conference on November 8, 2001 at the Holiday Inn in Dartmouth.

The partnership is an exciting initiative which will provide greater access to books and materials for those dealing with Alzheimer Disease and other dementias across Nova Scotia. The Society has donated a core collection of books, videos, and pamphlets to each library region. They will also assist the libraries in collection development, as well as recommendations for withdrawal. The Society will promote public libraries as useful providers of consumer health and wellness information. Libraries will incorporate this material into their collections and make it available in branch libraries, on bookmobiles, and to Books by Mail users.

The exhibits area at the conference included a booth promoting public libraries. The books in the donation were available in the booth for people to look at. The response from those attending the conference was very positive. Gillian Webster (NSPL), Wendy Robichaud (CEHRL), Jennifer Evans, and Sharon Haley Mancini (HRL) spent time in the booth promoting libraries and demonstrating the Health and Wellness Resource Center. Michael Colborne was one of the conference speakers. His presentation included an outline of how the public library system in the province is organized, what services people could expect from their library, why libraries think that delivering consumer health information is important, and how they deliver that information. He emphasized remote access to consumer health databases, and described the basics of the partnership with the Society. He also encouraged people to take advantage of the Web Awareness program in their regions for assistance in authenticating online information.

The official public launch of the partnership is scheduled for January, to coincide with Alzheimer Awareness Month. For more information, please contact Michael Colborne, 902-424-4852 or **colbormb@gov.ns.ca**.

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UNIT FOR POPULATION HEALTH AND CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION

After 12 years, Heart Health Nova Scotia, based in the western region of the province, completed its research. The project has now expanded to include the entire province, and its focus has changed slightly. Now named the Unit for Population Health and Chronic Disease Prevention, the new group had its first meeting on October 31, 2001, with approximately 50 people in attendance. Prevention of chronic diseases in the province will play an important role in managing health care costs, and public libraries have a substantial contribution to make. Michael Colborne represents public libraries on the Unit. For more information, please contact Michael at 902-424-4852 or colbormb@gov.ns.ca.

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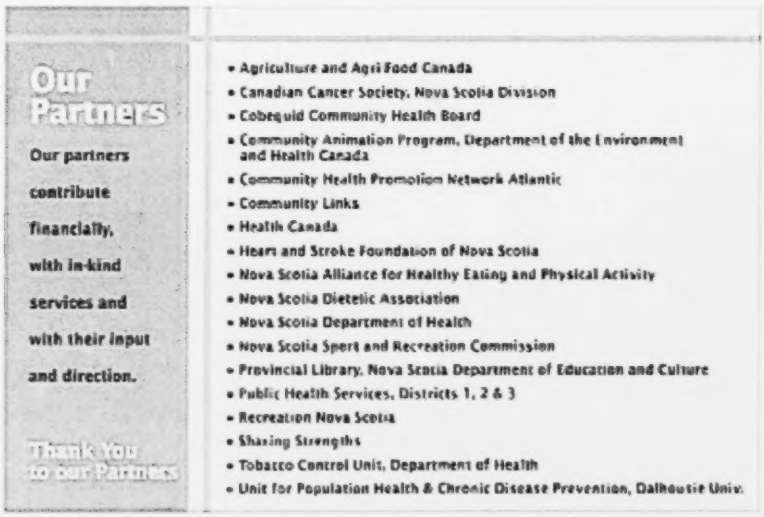
Health Promotion Clearinghouse
The Health Promotion Clearinghouse is a provincial program which connects people to information and the supports needed to assist them in their health promotion and population health work.
Our Resource Coordinator will connect you and your organization to other organizations, resource materials, speakers, upcoming events and resource people in your community.
Toll Free: 1-877-890-5094
www.heart-health.ns.ca/hpc
Some of the topic areas we cover include:
• Volunteer Development
• Advocacy/Policy Development
• Physical Activity
• Social Marketing
• Health and Environment
• Using Research in Health Promotion
• Population Health
• Proposal/Grant Writing
• Healthy Eating
• Board Development
• Tobacco
• And more...

The Health Promotion Clearinghouse, originally an initiative of Heart Health Nova Scotia, will continue as part of the Unit. The Clearinghouse is a good source of information and assistance for health promotion and population health activities. Their toll free number is 877-890-5094 and their URL is: http://www.heart-health.ns.ca/hpc.

Left: Front of Health Promotion Clearinghouse information card.

Right: Back of Health Promotion Clearinghouse information card.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• Community Links
• Health Canada
• Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia
• Nova Scotia Alliance for Healthy Eating and Physical Activity
• Nova Scotia Dietetic Association
• Nova Scotia Department of Health
• Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation Commission
• Provincial Library, Nova Scotia Department of Education and Culture
• Public Health Services, Districts 1, 2 & 3
• Recreation Nova Scotia
• Shaping Strengths
• Tobacco Control Unit, Department of Health
• Unit for Population Health & Chronic Disease Prevention, Dalhousie Univ.

LIBRARY PUBLIC AWARENESS GROUP

A lively meeting of the LPA Group was held at NSPL on November 16, 2001. The Group heard a presentation from Jerry Henderson and Tony Storer from the Empowered Consumer Action Network (ECAN). WCRL currently has an active partnership with this group, and libraries seem to be a good fit for future partnerships with ECAN as it expands from its western Nova Scotia base.

The Group watched the Breakfast Television spots broadcast during Public Library Week, and evaluated the success of the Week. The overall consensus was that the Week was well worth doing, and we can build on what we learned during the first year to make Public Library Week 2002 even more successful. A planning committee was struck to make plans for next year.

Discussion on what promotions and key messages regional libraries should be focusing on in 2002 led to a decision to spend some of the next meeting on a planning exercise. The Group also looked at the regional library display unit, and had some suggestions for updating it. Once the Group has completed recommendations for key messages for the year, design ideas for renewal of the display unit will be discussed.

Other topics on the agenda included corporate sponsorship for the Summer Reading Program, library activities commemorating World Braille Day, fundraising using Prospect Research Online, promotion of the role of public libraries in delivering consumer health information, and the *Read to Me!* project.

REFERENCE ON THE NET

Here are some more reference questions referred to the Provincial Library by the Regional Public Libraries. They were answered using resources found on the Internet.

Q. Would like books of fiction in the Korean language.

A. The National Library's AMICUS database is a good source of foreign language books. A search was done using the version of AMICUS at http://amicus.nlc-bnc.ca/aaweb/aalogine.htm which requires free registration because it allows more flexibility in searching than the non-registered version. (Registration information can be found at http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/7/2/g2-124-e.html.)

At the Basic Search screen select Subject Browse and key in "Korean Fiction". This brings up a very long listing of subject headings beginning with "Korean Fiction" which would be quite time-consuming to browse through to pick out the records for books which are appropriate. Another alternative, which is available at both the Basic Search and the Advanced Search screens, is to select Subject Keyword and enter "fiction". Then select Korean in the Language box and select " Language mat, printed" in the Material Type box. This search brings up the maximum number of records which is 500.

In addition to fiction in Korean, the results include many Korean works which have been translated into English and works about Koreans which are not what was wanted. A third

alternative and the one which gets the best results is to use the Command Search. At the Basic Search screen click on "Command Search" and in the search box enter the search command "sw fiction and lan kor". This will search for occurrences of fiction as a subject keyword and works in the Korean language. Note that using the first three letters of any language preceded by "lan" will search for material in a particular language. This search finds 53 records for books of fiction in the Korean language.

Another source of Korean fiction is the Toronto Public Library Catalogue at http://tplwpac.tpl.toronto.on.ca.
You can search in the "Exact Subject Heading" field using the search phrase "Korean Fiction".

Q. Who is buried in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, Bonnie Prince Charlie, the Young Pretender, or his father James Edward, the Old Pretender?

A. As well as being a source of geographical information, The Gazetteer for Scotland at http://www.geo.ed.ac.uk/scotgaz has a History/Time-Line section. On entering select People and then Royalty from the pop-up menu. This provides a page of Scotland's royal figures including Prince Charles Edward Stuart (Bonnie Prince Charlie) and James Francis Edward Stuart (The Old Pretender). The brief biographical information which is given for each says that they were both buried in St. Peter's Basilica. Another source to search is the Find A Grave site at http://www.findagrave.com. A search was done in the Search by name section of this site for Charles Stuart and James Stuart and records were found here saying that both of them were buried in St. Peter's Basilica.

LINKed

This month's Linked column has a mixture of sites with various types of financial information. There are sites with useful financial information for Canadians such as bank rates, currency rates, and stock market prices, as well as some information on the history of Canadian money. Sites where you can search unclaimed bank balances, get income tax information, and get a copy of your credit rating report are also included.

The Bank of Canada, the country's central bank has a bilingual site at http://www.bank-banque-canada.ca. The site's currency section has some very useful information including the full text of the book, "A History of the Canadian Dollar" by James Powell at http://www.bankofcanada.ca/en/dollar_book. Other features of this section are pictures and descriptions of every bank note issued by the Bank of Canada since its founding in 1935, a link to the Bank of Canada's Currency Museum at http://www.bankofcanada.ca/museum and a currency converter. The Rates & Statistics section has current and historical economic indicators such as the consumer price index, interest

rates and exchange rates and an inflation Calculator. You can search for Unclaimed Balances which are maintained by the Bank of Canada at http://ucbswww.bank-banque-canada.ca/faq_english.htm to see if you have any money from a long forgotten bank account.

Canoe Money at http://www.canoe.ca/Money is part of Canoe,the Canadian news and information site. It is packed with the latest financial news. In the Markets section you can look up current company stock prices from the major North American stock markets and graph them for periods going back to1993. If you don't know the stock symbol enter the company name and click beside "Lookup". Corporate profiles are available for many of the companies. The Funds section is the place to go for mutual fund news and prices and the Banking section has current rates for credit cards, mortgages, GICs, savings accounts, personal loans, car loans, plus others. My Money has useful information on retirement planning, estate planning and RRSPs.

Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA) has put a large amount of Income Tax Information on their site at http://www.ccra-adrc.gc.ca/tax/menu-e.html. This includes guides for preparation of income tax returns for businesses, individuals, non-residents of Canada, charities, non-profit organizations and trusts. All applicable information is arranged by topic within each of these groups. Technical publications at http://www.ccra-adrc.gc.ca/tax/technical has the full text of Interpretation bulletins (Its) and Information circulars (Ics) arranged by bulletin and circular numbers.

The two main credit reporting agencies in Canada, Equifax Canada Inc. at http://www.equifax.com/EFX_Canada/consumer_information_centre and Trans Union of Canada at http://www.tuc.ca have information on how to request a copy of your credit rating report.

Web sites which were featured in previous "Linked" columns are now arranged by subject category on the Reference Services page of the Provincial Library web site at http://www.library.ns.ca/reference/index.html. If you have any suggestions about future topics for this column please contact Carol Morris at morrisc@gov.ns.ca.

PROFESSIONAL READING

In this month's column, two books on managing electronic resources are featured. These items can be borrowed through regular interlibrary loan channels. Please send requests via email to Dale MacMillan at inshpl@nshpl.library.ns.ca.

Curtis, Donnelyn - *Developing and managing electronic journal collections: a how-to-do-it manual for librarians*. New York: Neal-Schuman Publishers, 2000. Call #: Prof 025 .2832 Cur

The authors assert that electronic journals are now established on the web, to the extent that they currently number in the thousands and their number is growing exponentially, changing the

landscape of library collections. They maintain that academic and research libraries can no longer ignore these publications, even those libraries which have static budgets and are understaffed. This book is intended to be a guide through the acquisition, management and successful integration of these unique new resources. Step by step guidelines are given for selection and acquisition, as well as the necessary technological and legal requirements for access, organization and public services.

Gregory, Vicky - *Selecting and managing electronic resources: a how-to-do-it manual for librarians*. New York: Neal-Schuman Publishers, 2000. Call #: Prof 025 .174 Gre

The main theme of this book is that new computer-based technologies are causing both evolutionary and revolutionary changes in libraries, heavily affecting the field of collection development. Gregory addresses both traditional and current aspects of collection development as they relate to all aspects of electronic materials including collection development policies as they pertain to all aspects of electronic materials including collection development policies, criteria and process; budgeting and acquisitions; organization and maintenance of electronic resources; evaluation and assessment; copyright, licensing and intellectual property issues, and preservation.

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